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1. Effective 5 September 1950, Section 4 of Dezernat A was given independent status directly under the chief of Abteilung K (Criminal Police) and renamed "Dienststelle O.G." (Operativ-Gruppe). The tasks of the Operativ-Gruppe include handling all criminal cases considered especially difficult or confidential, for example, the investigation of crimes committed by leading personalities of governmental agencies or People's-owned factories. The present chief of O.G. is Polizeirat (fnu) Klein, former head of Dezernat B, where he was replaced by (fnu) Schiers.
2. Chief of the Berlin Criminal Police Alfred Schoenherr is expected to leave the Polizeipräsidium on 20 September 1950 to attend an eight-month course at the SED Party school.\* A permanent successor has not as yet been determined, since Pfaff, until 11 September 1950 the representative of Schoenherr, was placed in charge of the police school at Berlin-Oberschoenewalde on that date. Witschnik, formerly chief of Dezernat F, has temporarily replaced Pfaff.
3. Max Wielepp, formerly Schoenherr's office manager in the Criminal Police, has been appointed liaison officer between the Criminal Police and other security agencies including the State Security Service, Berlin, and the Hauptverwaltung fuer Volkspolizei.
4. The Berlin agency of the State Security Service (Stasi) moved its headquarters from the East Sector Polizeipräsidium to Prenzlauer-allee, Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg, during the last week of August, 1950, taking over office space in the building formerly assigned to the Kommandantur.
5. (fnu) Tiepold, formerly chief of Dezernat ED (Erkennungsdienst), has been transferred to the Stasi, Berlin.
6. Officials of the Criminal Police have ordered a special room in the Secretariat of the Polizeipräsidium to be placed at the disposal of Oberkommissar Heinze, who has been charged with screening all police employees who were formerly detained in POW camps run by the Western Powers. Heinze has been authorized to recommend the discharge of all employees found to be not 100% reliable politically.

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7. Kommandeur Wehner, formerly P/K chief of the Polizei Inspektion Koepenick, has been transferred to Abteilung P/K of the Polizei-präsidium.
8. Contrary to a previous order which gave the Ministry of the Interior budgetary power over the Berlin Police, this function remains to date with the East Berlin Magistrat.
9. In line with the decree which outlines the duties of the police in emergency situations, eight rooms in the second floor of the Präsidium have been rebuilt to serve as command posts during the operational commitment of the police in emergencies.
10. The personnel shortage among the Soviet Sector Berlin police is acute, there being between 500 and 600 openings according to the T/O, while no new forces have volunteered recently for police service.
11. Police President Waldemar Schmidt has ordered that legal suits brought against police employees may be turned over to the Justice Department for action only upon his personal approval.
12. Richard Fischer, formerly deputy chief of the Berlin Criminal Police, has been promoted to the rank of Chefinspekteur and is currently serving with the Hauptverwaltung für Seepolizei as chief of personnel.
13. The present chief of Abteilung C (Statute Crimes) of the Hauptabteilung Criminal Police within the Hauptverwaltung für Volkspolizei is Kommandeur Willi Guse.

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Comment: This is presumably the Karl Marx Academy in Klein Machnow.

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